

Remarks/Arguments

In response to the Office action mailed June 12, 2003, Paper No. 15, reconsideration of the present application in view of the currently submitted amendment and the following remarks is respectfully submitted.

Claims 20-25, 34, 36, 39 and 41 have been amended. Support for these amendments can be found in the Specification, for instance, at page 26, lines 19-29. The numbering of Claim 41, which is an inadvertent typographical error, has been corrected to Claim 40. Applicants will refer to Claim 40 hereafter in view of this correction.

Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the objections and rejections as specified in Para. No. 3 of the Office action.

Regarding the rejection of claims 21 and 25 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, in connection with the language "about," Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are not indefinite or vague for the reason of the record and in view of the current amendment. The Examiner's withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

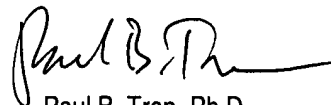
Regarding the rejection of claim 20 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, in connection with the language "of at least," Applicants respectfully submit that the claim is not indefinite or vague in view of the current amendment. The Examiner's withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of claim 34 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, in connection with the language "analogues," Applicants submit that the claim is not indefinite or vague in view of the current amendment. The Examiner's withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of claim 36 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, in connection with the language "capable of hybridizing," Applicants submit that the claim is not indefinite or vague in view of the current amendment. The Examiner's withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 22-30 and 34-40 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, are therefore respectfully requested to be withdrawn. A timely Notice of Allowance should be issued for this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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